



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Applicant(s):	Walke <i>et al.</i>	Group Art Unit:	1652
Application No.:	09/735,713	Examiner:	S. Swope
Filed:	12/12/2000	Atty. Docket No.:	LEX-0108-USA
Title: Human Proteases and Polynucleotides Encoding the Same (As Amended)			

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED JULY 10, 2003**

Commissioner for Patents  
Alexandria, VA 22313

Sir:

The Applicants acknowledge the receipt of the Office Action ("the Action") mailed on July 10, 2003 (Paper No. 11), which has been carefully reviewed and studied. The Examiner is respectfully requested to enter the following amendments. Reexamination and reconsideration of the application is requested in view of the following amendments and remarks. In order to facilitate the Examiner's evaluation of the application, Applicants have attempted to address the objections and rejections in Paper No. 11 in the same order in which they were originally raised.

A Petition for an Extension of Time of one month to and including November 10, 2003, and authorization to deduct the fee as required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1) from Applicants' representatives Deposit Account are included. The response is thus timely filed. Applicants believe no fees in addition to the fee for the extension of time are due in connection with this response. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any additionally required fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0892.

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## **AMENDMENT**

### **In the specification:**

Please amend the title of the application as follows:

~~Novel~~ Human Proteases and Polynucleotides Encoding the Same